



Tierra Del Sol Golf Course hosts another successful charity tournament from the Rotary

The seventh annual Rotary Charity Golf Tournament taking place at the Tierra Del Sol Country Club and Golf Course this past Sunday was a rousing success, as there worthy foundations can attest. Ravi Boolchand, acting as Master of Ceremonies, announced the winners of this year's tournament, and also presided over the symbolic donations to Centro Kibrahacha for the Elderly, the YMCA and the Respetami Foundation by Rotary Club President Dave Smith of 6,500 Arubians florins each. A number of other foundations will also receive awards with the proceeds.

Thirty-two four-man teams took to the fairways in the early afternoon to finish their day with a lovely buffet on the terrace of the country club at sunset. Aside from the major sponsorship of the Caribbean Mercantile Bank, which had two teams participating, the other two major sponsors, New India Assurance Company and Boolchand's were joined by several vendors and resorts that donated goods and services as prizes. This resulted in a raffle that also raised additional funds to be donated to worthy causes.

The winners of the specialty competitions were Noor Douglas, women's competition and Eric D'Arnault for closest to the pin on hole #7, and Carla Schipper and John Douglas for the longest drive. They took home prizes sponsored by Pearl Gems for the women and Cigar Emporium for the men.

The third place winning team with a score of 56.3, was from Fastsigns, consisting of Hoak, Weiss, Hadley and Nolen each won a DVD player donated by AMC Unicon. Second place winners with a score of 55.9 were the team of Yanez, Rivera, Peterson, and Hoak from Viking Freight, who each took home gift certificates for gasoline or goods from Valero worth 500 Aruban florins. The first place team and far ahead of the field with a score of 51.7 was the team Bon Bini Cargo team of de Veer, Mitter, Croes and Williamson. Thomas Mitter of the team was also the recipient of a certificate from Tierra Del Sol Head Golf Pro Oliver Riding for the feat of making a hole-in-one at the seventeen hole recently. The winners of the Rotary Club 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament each received a Blackberry personal communication device courtesy of Digicel.

The evening continued with the raffle and the donations, often being accepted on their behalf by members of the Rotary that are actively involved with the charities that were awarded that night.

Ravi Boolchand, David Smith and Oliver Riding extended gratitude to all the sponsors of the evening, which aside from those donating the prizes included Swissport, KPMG, Toyota, Stanford Group, Garage Central, Aruba Aloe, Royal and Sun Alliance, Superior Tobacco, Salt and Pepper Restaurant, Caribbean Overseas, Arubabank, Pricesmart, CMCC, Deloitte, Aruba Trading Company, Polo, JV Oduber, Compra, Fatum, Kenro Jewelers, Best & Solid Realtors, Price, Waterhouse, Coopers, Huchada Bakeries, Marriott, The Aruba Westin Resort, Gatorade, and Fastsigns.

Ravi Boolchand upon closing the evening informed the gathering that the nature of those participating has resulted in a name change for the event, and as of next year, it will be known as the International Rotary Charity Golf Tournament.